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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Melda Rafferty, Environmental Manager United States Department of Energy Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant P.O. Box 700, MS 7560 Piketon, Ohio 45661

Dear Ms. Rafferty:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency is providing you with the following evaluation of the inspection conducted at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant on October 19-27, 1998. This portion of the inspection being forwarded is regarding the United States Department of Energy activities, only. This evaluation is limited to the information provided by interviews with staff and written reports provided for review.

A review of the complete data package for the last National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Radionuclides was conducted. Additionally there were some informal interviews of personnel regarding any changes in process since the prior year's annual report.

Based upon the information provided, there appears to be no compliance issues over the information reviewed. If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact me at (312) 353-6686 or by electronic mail at murphy.michael@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Michael H. Murphy, Health Physicist

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